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In re application of: Davenport et al.

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For: A DIRECT METHOD FOR THE CORRECITON OF PRESSURE INDUCED

SCRAMBLING EFFECTS ON POLARIZED LIGHT

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Dear Sir:

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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This paper is being filed in response to the Office Action mailed April 2, 2003, in connection with the above referenced application.

REMARKS

The Office Action has required restriction among the following three groups, which are alleged to be patentably distinct:

Group I: Claims 1-13, 18-23, 29-35 and 37, said to be drawn to a method for extraction of true values of emission anisotropy from fluorescence intensities obtained for a sample, a method for obtaining the true difference in polarized fluorescence intensities from fluorescence intensities obtained for a sample, and and a computer readable storage medium for performing